

# Family Update

8th April 2022



## Updates

Hi everyone, there has been Easter fun around school this week with Easter Raffles run by the students and a fabulous array of Easter Bonnets in school today. Thank you to all the families who sent their child in with their special Easter outfits and hats today, it has been fun for all.

Alongside the light fun of the season, we have had an extremely difficult week for absence with Covid. With over 20 staff absent we just haven't had enough in certain staff teams, to be able to function safely and effectively. This is a heart-felt thank you to all of you who agreed to keep your child off school these past few days to help alleviate the situation and enable us to run a safe but reduced service. This holiday has come at the right time and will hopefully serve as a 'fire break' in the Covid cycle, cutting out transmission for children and staff at Saxon Hill. We are no longer able to access the free LFT tests and have appealed to Staffs County Council, who are, in turn, putting our, and the Special School case to the DfE to reconsider this decision.

We are sadly having to say goodbye to one of our great HWSA Team staff today. Tara has worked with us for four years, since we instigated the team and is moving to further her education and career in the medical profession. We wish her all the very best of luck in her future career.

We want to thank you for all your support over this past term and to wish you a very happy Easter holiday. May you all be healthy and happy. Best wishes, from Your Leadership Team :)

## Photos from the Week



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## Easter Eggstravaganza

Pupils have had a great day taking part in the egg role, Easter themed crazy golf, Easter hat competition and much more. It has been a lovely last day of the term and we hope you enjoy your tasty Easter treats over the holidays.

A **big** thank you to Joy Ward for organising today's fun and games.



## Table Top Cricket Tournament

Last Friday, Beech class took part in a Table Top Cricket tournament, competing against a range of Special Schools across Staffordshire. The pupils played exceptionally well and represented Saxon Hill brilliantly. They managed to earn themselves an excellent third place and, as you can see from the picture below, were delighted with the result.

Well done Beech class!



## Parents Recommend

We are looking to trial a new section of the Family Update Newsletter, where parents can share or recommend activities, places, groups or websites etc. that would benefit our pupils.

If you have anything you would like to share, please email it to:

[emily.thompson@saxonhill.shaw-education.org.uk](mailto:emily.thompson@saxonhill.shaw-education.org.uk)

We will then aim to include these in future newsletters to help share all your expert knowledge.



## Key Dates

8th April—Easter Eggstravaganza

11th April—Easter Holidays

25th April—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

26th April— Return to school

9th—13th May—Investigators Learning Conference

